MEMORANDUM February 13, 1964

TO: Files

FROM: Melvin A. Eisenberg

SUBJECT: Second Staff Conference (January 24, 1964)

Mr. Rankin began the conference with a general discussion of the background of the Commissioners; their prestige, and their competence.

He then discussed the staff's functions. He stated that our client is The Truth. In answer to a question by Mr. Ball he stated that if an answer could not be determined from the paper records we could bring the relevant witnesses here.

He emphasized that members of the staff should not discuss anything with other Government agencies until they knew everything thoroughly.

He pointed out that everything we do will be examined with more skill than anything else ever done by any of the staff members. The Commission's report will be examined by the entire United States and will be examined for the next 50 years.

He stated that after each of the staff members has acquainted himself with his own area, the staff will begin to discuss each other's area. He requested members of the staff to begin developing matters for immediate inquiry, but emphasized that no information should be requested that has already been given us. All requests to other agencies should go through Mr. Willens and Mr. Shaffer.

Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Jenner were not at this meeting.

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